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## ***Freedomfest 2002 Motorcycle Rally Cancelled***

Fort Polk, LA—Three events scheduled for the Freedomfest 2002 Celebration have been canceled--- but don't worry, there's still plenty of fun for the whole family!

The Motorcycle Poker Run, Bike Show, and Loud Pipes Contest previously scheduled for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Ft. Polk's Alligator Lake have been canceled due to safety concerns. This decision comes after careful review by Brigadier General Jason Kamiya, Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. and continue until 9:30 p.m. Game booths; food and music will kick off the event. As always, admission is free! Music from Stonecrop will rock the afternoon; Beau Shyne & Whiskey will carry you into the evening. The event is open to the public. Coolers are welcome, however no glass bottles or pets will be allowed. In addition, security checks at the gate may cause some delay in entering the facility, so please come early. The surrounding communities are encouraged to take LA 28 to Hwy 469. Signs will be posted as well. Parking will be available across from the park, with overflow parking and free shuttle bus service available from Self Airfield. No vehicles will be allowed inside of the Alligator Lake facility after 1pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

And after an afternoon of games, food and music- a fantastic display of light and sound are on hand to wind down your Fourth of July. This year's grand finale includes a 50-gun salute, and a colorful display of fireworks blasting in time to our national anthem. There's no better way to celebrate your independence than the Louisiana way at Freedomfest 2002!

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